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## CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation      ☐ Divisional

application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior Application No. 09/934,245, filed August 21, 2001, for: STEERABLE STYLET by: Thomas Soukup et al. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification and Abstract 31 pages  
    ☒ Copy of Prior Specification  
        or  
    ☐ Substitute Specification including no new matter
- ☒ Drawings - 18 sheets (Figs. 1-25)
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
    ☐ Newly executed  
        or  
    ☒ Copy from prior application

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:					
	No. Filed	No. Extra	Small Entity Rate	OR	Large Entity Rate
Basic Fee			\$ 385	OR	\$ 770
Total Claims	40 - 20	= 20	x 9 = \$*	OR	x 18 = \$360
Independent Claims	2 - 3	= 0	x 43 = \$	OR	x 86 = \$0.00
Presence of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 145	OR	+ 290
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,130</b>

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,130 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1910.
- ☒ Cancel in this application claims 1-59 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

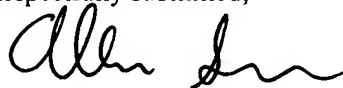
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3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a ☒ Continuation ☐ Division of Application No. 09/934,245 filed August 21, 2001.—
4. ☐ Priority of foreign application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Synovis Interventional Solutions recorded at Reel 012516, Frame 0886.
6. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the prior application.
7. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
8. ☐ Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27.
9. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, and Compact Disc Transmittal are enclosed.
10. ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (nonpublication).
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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Respectfully submitted,



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*The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time and to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1910.*

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“Express Mail” mailing label number EV 317158765 US. Date of Deposit: January 6, 2004. I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service “Express Mail Post Office to Addressee” service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Patent Application, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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